

# Whitman Could Cut \$10,000,000 From Extravagant Budget

## DIRECT TAX, GOVERNOR? WHY? EVENING WORLD ASKS YOU SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS

### WHY NOT SAVE—

**\$3,600,000 in Canal Construction?**  
**\$633,000 in Department of Public Works?**  
**\$408,503 in the Prison Department?**  
**\$439,900 in the Educational Department?**

By Martin Green.

(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, May 10.—Gov. Whitman has announced that in the course of his public hearings on the appropriation bills, beginning tomorrow, he will permit taxpayers to question, through him, the various heads of departments upon whose demands and estimates the financial measures enacted by the Legislature are based. The Evening World has gone all through the bills, and from knowledge gained in that search has prepared a list of questions to be put to the officials of the State concerning the amounts they say they require.

The questions are herewith submitted to the Governor in good faith and with the heartiest feeling of respect and helpfulness. They are also recommended as a guide and a test to the taxpayers who will attend the hearings.

Doubtless the Governor has gone through the bills under the guidance of experts in State finance, and doubtless many of the questions appearing below have occurred to him. Nevertheless, they are all pertinent. They lay open to public view the inside workings of the most incalculable and extravagant set of appropriations ever passed by a Legislature of this State.

We have no knowledge of the Governor's program—where he is to begin or where he is to leave off—but The Evening World's questions are arranged in orderly sequence, concurrently with the text of the bills. The appropriations for the Governor head the list in the General Appropriations Bill and the Supply Bill, and it is therefore appropriate that the Governor, as the Chief Executive of the State, should be the first official questioned.

Inasmuch as the Governor has decreed that all questions must be put through him, The Evening World respectfully requests him to ask himself:

Why the salary of his secretary, who, according to tradition, is also Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Public Buildings, has been increased from \$1,000 a year to \$1,500 a year in this supplementary position?

Why there is created the position of secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, with an appropriation of \$4,000 for salary during the next fiscal year in the General Appropriations Bill and \$2,000 for salary this year in the Supply Bill? How did any other previous Lieutenant Governor get along with the services of the clerk provided for the President of the Senate and paid out of the Senate contingent fund?

Why is the salary of an eighth grade employee increased \$100 a year? Why is an additional employee needed in the Governor's office at \$2,000 a year?

Why is the item for office expenses raised from \$6,000, which Gov. Glynn found sufficient, to \$11,000?

Why is the item for postage and transportation increased \$1,000?

Why is the item for rent of stable and outpace increased \$3,000 in the general appropriations and a similar amount in the Supply Bill?

Why does there appear in the General Appropriations Bill an entirely new appropriation of \$1,500 for "printing for the Executive Mansion"? This question is important, for it will appear later that appropriations for printing are speckled through the bills like raisins through a fruit cake. And there has been a lot of testimony about State printing in the libel suit at Syracuse.

Why is there an increase of \$7,000 in the appropriation for expenses of the Governor's office up to Oct. 17?

Why is there an increase of \$1,000 in the temporary service item for the same period?

Why is there an increase of \$2,100 in the item of temporary service in the Notarial Bureau, where certificates for Notaries Public are made out and mailed?

Why is there a Supply Bill increase of \$1,000 in the item for postage?

Why is there an appropriation in the Supply Bill of \$4,000 for repairs to the Executive Mansion greenhouse?

Inasmuch as the Governor ran on a platform of economy these questions, all involving added expense in his department, totalling \$36,700, are fair.

THEN A FEW QUESTIONS FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

After the Governor has answered them he will be at liberty to question Secretary of State Hugo, who also pledged himself to economy. The Governor is respectfully requested to put the following queries to the Secretary of State:

Why, through a shifting of grades, has there been provided an increase of salary appropriation in the Secretary of State's office of \$1,600?

Why an increase of \$1,000 in the item for temporary service?

Why the increase from \$2,000 to

Why was the salary of the chief clerk of the State Department increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500?

Why is there an appropriation of \$1,000 for personal expenses of the comptroller?

Why is \$1,000 appropriated for salaries and there is an appropriation of \$1,000 for the expenses of the State Prison Board Bureau, providing for eight employees when the board is not in session?

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## He Can Save Taxpayers Millions By Vetoing State Expense Waste



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the Board of Statutory Consolidation? Is it not a fact that this board is officially dead?

What is the meaning of an appropriation of \$41,000 for the Board of Claims? Isn't it a fact that this is a balance on hand and should be a re-appropriation instead of an appropriation?

Only a little matter of \$218,878 appropriated for needless and inexcusable purposes challenges the attention of the representatives of the Legislature.

Is it not a fact that when the State was persuaded to supply buildings for this institution the promise was made that it would be self-supporting and would not solicit State aid?

Then why does it ask \$65,000 for maintenance next year?

Why when last year the institution was expressly commanded by the Legislature to spend not more than \$5,000 it proceeded in absolute violation of law to spend \$10,000 in excess of that sum and now asks for the amount in the Supply Bill?

When the representative of the Institution for the Study of Malignant Diseases gets through explaining why his little industry should draw \$75,000 from the State Treasury the Governor might take up the matter of the New York State Bridge and Tunnel Commission.

He should apply himself to the task of learning why \$5,000 is appropriated for the purposes of this commission which was originally appointed to plan a bridge across the North River between this city and New Jersey. The Governor would undoubtedly find that this bridge proposition is completely deceased.

Why does the Commissioner ask for \$70,000 for "legal expenses" when his predecessor required only \$60,000?

Why is the item of Albany office expenses raised from \$8,000 to \$13,000?

Why does the Supply Bill carry an item of \$25,000 for "special investigations"? What is this special investigation?

TOO MUCH MONEY FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT?

When the Excise Department representative has explained why he wants increased appropriations of \$115,125 it will be the turn of the Health Department to take the carpet. The Governor is respectfully requested to learn from the representative of the Health Department:

Why he wants an increase of \$2,000 for postage?

Why is there a new item of \$5,000 for publishing Health News and Health Hints, especially at this time when the State is hard up and there has been so much said about State printing scandals in the libel trial at Syracuse?

Why does the Supply Bill carry an increase of \$70,000 in the contingent expenses of the Legislature? Is it for "extra clerical services," and, if so, what excuse is there for the appropriation when there are so many clerks in the Legislature now that they have difficulty in finding room?

What an increase in the Supply Bill of \$5,000 in the clerk's account?

Why did the Assembly appoint a committee to investigate the highways at a cost of \$13,000?

What is the excuse for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the expenses of an investigation by the Senate Civil Service Committee of the State Civil Service and does not the provision in this appropriation, "including personal expenses at Albany," permit the members of the committee to charge their Albany hotel bills to the State in defiance of the law?

Why is there an item in the Supply Bill appropriating to Wm. E. McElroy, a Co. \$22,000 for stenographic services during the Sulzer impeachment trial? Is not this a claim for stenographic rates for copy produced by stenographers?

Why does the Supply Bill carry an item of \$15,000 to investigate the Public Service Commissions? Wasn't the last investigation sufficient?

Why is an appropriation made for

representative of the State Tax Department is next on the list, and the Governor is respectfully requested to ask him:

Why he asks in the Supply Bill for \$13,248 for salaries of thirteen employees? Isn't this a disguise for an increase in salaries of \$12,248?

Why does he want an appropriation of \$6,000 for metal filing cases in a year when the State faces a direct tax?

Why does he ask for \$22,048 for the Corporation Tax Bureau when the same bureau is still carried on in the Comptroller's office? Is this not a duplication and if not, why?

That will be about all for the representative of the State Tax Department.

Next on the list comes the Agricultural Department, which has certainly been busy in going after the money of the State. The Governor is respectfully asked to inquire of the representative of the Agricultural Department as follows:

Why is the printing appropriation increased \$1,000?

Why is the item of agricultural information and statistics increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000? Last year an appropriation for the Commissioner was brought out of the \$5,000 appropriation, and this year there is an item in the Supply Bill for \$5,000 to carry out the Commissioner's duties.

What does "agricultural information and statistics" mean?

Why is the appropriation for the Cornell University School of Agriculture increased from \$85,000 to \$113,133 per cent, in a direct tax year?

Why should the State pay \$40,000 for instruction in agriculture to Cornell students who are not enrolled in the Agricultural School? Isn't this item a subsidy and needless?

Why is the appropriation for maintenance increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000?

Why is there an increase of \$26,180 for maintenance of the Syracuse School of Forestry, the buildings of which have just been started?

Why is there an item of maintenance for the Delhi school of \$17,500? Isn't it a fact that there is no working institution at Delhi in the sense of a working institution?

Why is the appropriation for the Department of Nursery, Bee Inspection and Apple Packing increased \$5,000?

Why is there an increase of \$2,300 in new items for the Little Alfred University School of Agriculture and an increase in the salary of the director of that school of \$500?

Doesn't the item of \$20,000 for horse-burialment to farmers whose horses have been killed because of glanders represent an accumulation of \$50,000 in less than a year, and shouldn't this item be set aside for investigation?

Isn't the appropriation of \$132,416 for payment for tubercular cattle destroyed exorbitant? How many tubercular cattle has the department slaughtered in the past fifteen months?

Why is there a new item in the Supply Bill for "interest on claims"? Doesn't the Department of Agriculture know that the law does not provide for the payment of interest on claims against the State?

Why does the department continue to appropriate \$50,000 for premiums at county fairs? Doesn't the department know that these appropriations have promoted scandal in the past and that fair officials are under indictment for stealing them in two counties?

Why is there an item of \$5,000 for printing in the Supply Bill? What kind of printing is imperative?

Why is there a Supply Bill appropriation for farmers' institutes? Is this to pay the expenses of political favorites for pleasant summer travel in the rural districts?

Why is there an increase in the Supply Bill for nursery and bee inspection? Is this a cover for new jobs?

Why the appropriation of \$300,000 for losses to farmers by the foot and mouth disease? Has it been legally determined that the State is liable for these losses?

Why in a direct tax year should there be a Supply Bill item of \$50,000 for "salaries, compensation and expenses of the Bureau of Farm Settlement"? How is this money to be spent this summer?

Why is the Cornell school contingent fund boosted \$10,000 in this Supply Bill? Why is there an appropriation in a direct tax year of \$5,000 for the summer school? Doesn't this represent an increase in salaries of instructors?

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## TAXPAYERS, ATTENTION!

Read this carefully, for it contains a list of the questions which will be asked of the heads of the various departments of the State during the public hearings on the appropriation bills, beginning tomorrow.

The Evening World will keep track of the answers and the bills approved and this article will appear every day a change to check up.

For the first time this enlightening has been turned to the appropriation bills, and taxpayers are better advised, through The Evening World, today, as to the contents of these bills than are most of the legislators who voted to pass them.

All references are indirectly to taxpayers.

When the State Fair Commission has disposed of the items amounting to \$54,477, it will be time for the National Guard to do some explaining. Of course the representatives of the National Guard will point out that the country is confronted by a serious situation and that the State and City of New York would be the most vitally affected by a war. Nevertheless, for the purpose of securing information, the Governor is respectfully requested to put these questions to the representatives of the National Guard:

Why has a new \$1,000 job been created in the Adjutant General's office?

Why the increase of \$2,000 in traveling allowances for the Governor's staff?

Why a new item of \$13,000 for summer equipment of the Naval Militia?

Why does the Supply Bill carry items of \$28,332 for general expenses, \$100,000 for manoeuvres, \$55,000 for Coast Artillery exercises and \$75,750 for mounted drills and parades? Are not all these items, totalling \$307,082, unusual, and what is the purpose to be achieved?

Why the item of \$24,811 for land for a new rifle range at Tonawanda? Is this necessary?

Why a new item of \$12,000 for the summer cruise of the Naval Militia? Why the item of \$445,543 demanded for the National Guard. Surely this calls for rigid investigation.

QUESTIONABLE INCREASES IN PRISON DEPARTMENT.

Next in order is the Department of Prisons. The Governor is respectfully requested to inquire of the representatives of this department:

Why should there be new items appropriating \$15,000 for books and instruction?

Why is the lump appropriation for maintenance boosted \$25,000? For the prisoners to be kept at work, and if so, what is to be done with their earnings?

Why the increase for the Farm for Women at Valatie from \$10,000 to \$25,000? What is this farm and what good does it do?

Why does Homer Folke want an increase of \$1,200 for office expenses of the State Probation Commission? What excuse has this commission for spending \$12,000 a year?

Why is the item for the maintenance of State convicts in penitentiaries raised from \$20,000 to \$75,000? Has the department advanced in

What is the meaning of a new appropriation of \$5,000 for the State Colony at Heekman?

Why are many institutions asking for salary increases for this year to be carried in the Supply Bill?

Why the Supply Bill item of \$4,536 for the services of W. J. Hostwick as consulting architect? Couldn't the State Architect do the work?

These enumerated items total \$105,080, of which \$55,000 is to go for salary increases if the Governor is agreeable. Following in regular order comes the item of office rent, and the Governor is respectfully requested to ascertain:

MYSTERIOUS ITEMS OF STATE OFFICE RENT.

Why the State of New York should pay \$32,400 for office rent to the New York Telephone Company and \$25,000 for office rent to the Delaware and Hudson Company, a total of \$57,400.

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## Society and Corsetry

By Madame La Belle

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